(a) whether it is a fact that there is proposal under Government's consideration to exempt some of the industries, from the purview of law on abolition of contract labour;

(b) if so,the details of industries that are going to be exempted from the purview of law;

(c) whether it is a part of the recommendation made by the Second National Commission on Labour; and

(d) what are the other recommendations made by the Second National Commission on Labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to exempt some industries from the applicability of the law on abolition of contract labour.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour relating to contract labour include that the contract labour should not be engaged in core production/service activities. However, temporary labour may be engaged for sporadic seasonal demand for core production/service activity. With certain conditions, perennial non-core services like canteen, watch and ward, cleaning etc. may also be off-loaded to other employing agencies. The other recommendations cover various facets of labour *viz.* umbrella legislation for unorganised sector workers, review of labour laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration etc.

Funds for Uttaranchal under PMRY

†*253. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the funds released to Uttaranchal as compared to the targets fixed under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether any target has been fixed under the said scheme for this State for the year 2004-05; and

(c) if so, the amount released and the number of beneficiaries as against the target fixed?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The position of funds released to Uttaranchal alongwith the target fixed during the last three years under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is at Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government has fixed a target of 2000 beneficiaries and funds amounting to Rs. 40.70 lakhs have, so far, been released to Uttaranchal under the PMRY during 2004-05.

Statement

The details of target fixed and funds released to Uttaranchal during the last three years i.e. 2001-02; 2002-03 *and* 2003-04 *under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Target Allocated	Disbursements by banks*	
	Nos.	Nos.	Amount
2001-02	5000	3626	2122.53
2002-03	6000	4664	2864.80
2003-04	6000	3264	2149.21

*Based on RBI Reports.

Declaration of Asia Co-operation

*254. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, China and Pakistan and 18 other countries have agreed to move hand in hand to build a better Asia and have pledged to resolve disputes among them through dialogue to preserve peace and security in the region;

(b) whether declaration of Asia Co-operation adopted at the end of the Asian Co-operation Dialogue in Qingdao, China, recently decided to vigorously develop intra-regional trade, promote investment activity for bilateral and regional economic development and encourage regional trade arrangements; and